



Moultonborough Town News

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MOULTONBOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT SWITCHING TO BLACK - AND - WHITE PATROL VEHICLES

Have you noticed the black-and-white police cruiser in town and wondered about it? This 2013 Ford Police Interceptor is based upon the Ford Taurus and replaces the traditional Crown Victoria models.

This change is driven by several considerations with the primary reason being visibility. Studies have shown that the alternation of light and dark colors increase the visibility of the vehicle in both high and low lighting, as well as in inclement weather. The department does not have the resources to expand patrol numbers by reassigning officers from other duties or increasing the number of patrols per shift so we need to rely on other factors to maximize our presence and visibility as much as possible.

Numerous studies have concluded that the black-and-white patrol vehicle is the most recognized and visible graphics design in the United States. The white patrol vehicle the department currently uses basically gives the same appearance as the Carroll County Sheriff's Office as well as surrounding agencies. By going to black-and-white patrol vehicles we can set our police department apart from these other departments and make the department's patrol vehicles more identifiable to our citizens and visitors.

Moultonborough has thousands of visitors either staying in town or passing through on any given day of the week. Many of these visitors are from out of state and some, such as those who attend our summer camps, may be from a foreign country. It is important to provide them with the internationally recognizable symbol of assistance; the black-and-white patrol vehicle. Put plainly, when you see a black-and-white patrol vehicle, no matter where you are, you know it as a municipal/local law enforcement vehicle.

This change is also in reaction to a recent citizen's survey which stated a belief that the department needs to be more visible in the community. Current department cruisers can move about town with many motorists and residents not realizing that a patrol vehicle was just off to the side of the road, passed them on the street or drove through their neighborhood. This needed to change as the department needed to maximize community contact and visibility. The foundation for increased visibility and positive interaction is the black-and-white patrol vehicle.

Another reason to change was tradition. Like fire departments across the country, with their traditional red-and-white color scheme, police departments have long used a black-and-white color scheme. Police departments started to get away from that black-and-white scheme due to the cost factor, but there has been a strong return to it as costs came down to less than \$750 per vehicle and the advantages were proven out.

Another reason to change was improved employee morale from the pride associated with the black-and-white colors. It brings forth the commonality of a brotherhood in law enforcement. Our local officers unanimously supported this change proposed by Sergeant Beede, Interim Police Chief at the time, as did incoming Police Chief Wetherbee and a unanimous SelectBoard. The new black-and-white cruisers will incorporate the department's patch and town seal and be phased in over the next several years.

We hope you will also support this change and look forward to your thoughts and comments. Please contact Chief Wetherbee or Sergeant Beede at Moultonborough PD at 603.476.2400 with your thoughts on this change.



VISITING NURSE SERVICES

Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service has been providing home care service to the residents of this community since 1971. We offer quality home care with our team of compassionate and professional nurses and therapists to assist you or a family member with recovery from surgery or illness. Services are provided under the direct order of your physician. The staff will evaluate and assess your status; then a plan of care is established to provide the interventions most appropriate to meet your home health care needs. There are times when the MVNS is unable to meet your needs; in situations like this we will make every effort to assist you with referrals to available community resources. Please feel free to contact us at 603.476.2350 or by email at VNS@moultonboroughnh.gov. We are located at the Town Hall and are open Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with 24 hour on call nurses 365 days a year.

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NEW POLICE CHIEF

The Town has a new Chief of Police who was recently sworn in. Here is an introduction to who he is in his own words. "My name is Leonard Wetherbee. My wife, Anne, and I live in Center Ossipee, along with our two Portuguese Water Dogs. We have one daughter, who works in the music industry in Nashville, Tennessee. We love the area and try to take advantage of the many recreational opportunities available.

I was born and raised in Concord, Massachusetts, where I joined the Concord Police Department in 1977. I held many positions during my 33-year career in Concord; patrol officer, inspector, prosecutor, sergeant, detective lieutenant, and operations lieutenant and was then appointed chief in 1993. Concord is a member of the North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) a consortium of over 50 municipal police departments sharing resources and operational units. I served a two-year term as president in 2001 and 2002 during which time I founded and led the 45-member NEMLEC motorcycle unit.

I had initially planned on becoming a teacher and attended Fitchburg State College right after high school. My father was a police officer and after my second year of college I began to re-think my career choice. I changed my major and joined the department two years later. I eventually received my Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Lowell and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Framingham State College. In 1991 I attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

I was fortunate to be able to re-connect with my initial desire to teach and for a number of years taught various criminal justice related courses at Bunker Hill Community College and Middlesex Community College.

I retired from the Concord Police Department in January 2010. In 2011, I was contacted by the Town of Carlisle, Massachusetts, requesting that I assume the position of Interim Police Chief, while they conducted a search process for a new chief. Carlisle is a community similar to Moultonborough with 5000 residents and 10 full time police officers. I found that I still had a strong desire to continue with policing and it was shortly after finishing in Carlisle that I became aware of the position in Moultonborough. I have always enjoyed the daily interaction with the community and look forward to working closely with the citizens of Moultonborough. "

MOULTONBOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

We are planning for a very busy summer season here at the library. Our first program in June will be on the historic renovations of the gardens at the *Castle in the Clouds* on June 6th. Then on June 8th we travel all the way to South America on a *Motorcycle Adventure with Ben Slavin*. On June 19th we will visit *Mt Everest* with climber *Craig John*. The Friends of the Library are holding their very popular *House Tour* on Thursday June 28th. Our huge *Book Sale* will be on Saturday and Sunday (July 7 & 8) this year since the 4th of July is in the middle of the week. In July we will have an exhibit by local artist and teacher *Estelle Smith*. In August there will be an exhibit depicting the route of the Lewis & Clark expedition to accompany a lecture about the famous explorers (Aug 16). Talks on the *Squam Lakes Conservation Society* (Jun 27) *Loon Center* (Jul 25), and the *Lakes Region Conservation Trust* (Aug 22) will be co-sponsored with the Moultonborough Conservation Commission.



The Summer Reading Program theme is *Dream Big: READ*. Sign up begins July 2nd. We will have special programs every week including a storyteller (*Simon Brooks*, July 10), magicians (*Steelgraves*, July 17), wild animals, (July 25), authors (*Jo Knowles*, July 30; *Andy Cutts*, July 31), and a musician (*Paul Warnick*, Aug 8). Evenings of Poetry are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month. The *Stitch and Chat* group meets every Friday morning; members will have an exhibit of their lovely handiwork on June 15th. Computer classes on the Internet, Windows, Email, Facebook, Macs and Ipads will be offered throughout the summer. Humorists *Ken Sheldon* as *Fred Marple* (July 19) and *Rebecca Rule* (Sept. 10) are both booked for return engagements. Another popular program, a *Do-It-Yourself Herbal Workshop*, returns on July 27th. A special presentation on *Moultonborough during the American Civil War* (co-sponsored with the Historical Society) will be given by *Steven Closs* on August 13th. Two NH Humanities Programs with *Mike Tougias* (*Overboard*, June 28) and *Allen V. Koop* (*White Mountain Huts*, July 11) are also scheduled.

We'll have free or discounted passes to the Castle in the Clouds, Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Currier Museum, Planetarium, Canterbury Shaker Village, Wright Museum and the Libby Museum.

Please check our website at www.moultonboroughlibrary.org for more information. See you at the library!



NEWS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

This year we started a program to measure the exterior improvements and verify the interior features (number of rooms, bedrooms, baths, flooring, type of heat, basement finish, etc.). You may ask why does the town need to inspect my property? In short, it has been at least eight years since most properties had an interior inspection. Many properties have been updated and/or renovated since the last time they were inspected and not all interior upgrades required a building permit. In addition, we are looking for buildings that have been torn down and properties that have depreciated. The overall goal is to update our records so that each property owner is fairly and equitably assessed.

We are working with Vision Government Solutions to inspect approximately one thousand properties each year. We are able to do this now with no additional cost to the town because the number of building permits and sales are down, by re-allocating those costs to the measure and list program. We hope to have inspected all properties in town by 2016 or 2017, depending on economic conditions during the next few years.

Vision personnel have already measured most of the one thousand properties for this year, but have not done interior inspections on many yet. Some of you will soon be receiving a letter from Vision requesting an appointment to inspect the interior of your property sometime this summer, please respond and make an effort to schedule an appointment.

As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have regarding your property. You may view your assessment information on line at our website at www.moultonboroughnh.gov.



NEWLY PASSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

The Planning Board worked extensively on six successful Zoning Ordinance Amendments that voters approved at the polls for the 2012 Town Meeting; some were minor in nature and some were considered major. The major changes actually serve to improve an understanding of exactly what the words contained in the ordinance language means. One of the major items approved was an article that defines many of the zoning terms contained in the Ordinance. They are generally accepted zoning definitions that are tools for regulating uses and remove much of the guesswork out of interpretation of the meaning of the zoning text. A minor change approved simply consolidated all the existing terms used in several sections of the text into one place in a new Article 15.

Another approved minor change was the rearranging and reformatting of the existing sign ordinance that improves readability and logical progression for clarity and ease of understanding while adding no new wording or intent. It's the intent of the Planning Board to eventually reformat all the articles contained in the ordinance, and the sign section was deemed a good starting point.

The fourth change approved in March added a true purpose and intent statement for regulating signs, with a newly crafted, concise section that clarifies the reasons for and functions of the sign regulations in Town. This change assists the Code Enforcement Officer in his job of regulating signs in Town and also assists businesses in their understanding what the community expects to see for commercial signage.

A significant item approved by the voters is the correction of an unintended omission from the setback and lot coverage requirement for commercial uses in the Residential/Agriculture (RA) zoning district that was approved at last year's Town Meeting. While last year's revision did provide needed safeguards, it did not address development in the RA zone. The approved language fixes this issue by adding language to the existing table that defines a 50 ft. setback for front, side and rear for commercial structures in the Residential/Agriculture zoning district, and by adding a new Conditional Use Permit that would allow reduction of the required 25 ft. vegetative buffer between the building and roadway within the front setback for times when that just isn't possible or practical. Finally, the revision adds the 50% lot coverage maximum requirement back for the Residential/Agriculture zone as it had been prior to the change approved during the previous Town Meeting. This is important because it closes the loophole allowing commercial use lot coverage with no upper limit and no setback requirement in the Residential/Agriculture zone and acts as a safeguard against overdevelopment of lots adjacent to residential uses.

The last revision approved in March amends the Flood Plain Development Ordinance by revising and adding language to bring the Town's language in line with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The changes are definitional and administrative in nature and were prepared by the NFIP in conjunction with the Lakes Region Planning Commission in response to a Compliance Review. Revisions such as these are required by the Agency from time to time to ensure the Town remains enrolled in the Flood Insurance program which in turn allows for construction in designated flood prone areas with appropriate safeguards and affordable insurance opportunities.

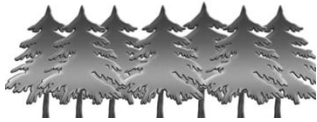
Residents with questions are encouraged to contact Town Planner, Bruce W. Woodruff, in the Office of Development Services at the Town offices at 603.476.2347, or via e-mail at bwoodruff@moultonboroughnh.gov.

MOULTONBOROUGH CONTINUES ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS

In 2009, the Town undertook an effort to reduce electricity costs with the installation of high performance lighting and lighting controls across almost every Town building. The NH Electric Co-op paid for almost half of the \$55,000 project while the Town paid the remaining half which were recouped from savings in the first three years of the installation.

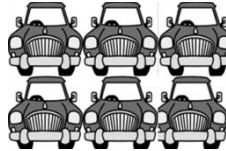
Following the success of that project we have just completed the installation of a variety of energy measures at Town Hall to address occupant safety, comfort and energy-efficiency. These were paid for in part by modest grants to our contractor, LighTec, Inc. from the Co-Op and the New Hampshire Regional Green House Gas Initiative (www.rggi.org). The Town's investment is projected to pay for itself over a period of 8 years or so. The project started with a detailed energy audit that recommended and installed measures to include: eliminating a negative pressure condition, the installation of HVAC controls, an energy management system (EMS), and occupancy controls.

The savings from the two projects combined is roughly \$12,500 per year and had a number of environmental benefits by removing 53.3 metric tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) from the atmosphere. This can also be portrayed as



Carbon sequestered by 1,240 tree seedlings grown for 10 years.

Or



CO₂ emissions from 5,421 gallons of gasoline consumed.

Or



Recycling 16.8 tons of waste instead of sending it to the landfill.

To learn more about how you can become more energy efficient and save money on your energy bills you may go to www.myenergyplan.org; www.nhsaves.com; www.energystar.gov; and www.energysavers.gov amongst other sites.



MOULTONBOROUGH RECREATION NEWS

The Moultonborough Recreation Dept.'s summer program offerings are available in hard copy at the office, town hall, library, and other locations around town. Please take advantage of viewing our brochure at your convenience online at www.moultonboroughnh.gov. At this time, we do not offer online registrations so forms must be printed and mailed or dropped off at our office.

We are offering many quality programs this summer that include traditional playground day camps for children ages 6-8 & 9-12, Teen Adventure, Hot and Happy for pre-school children & their parents, tennis lessons for adults and children, tennis tournaments, multi-sport camp, soccer camp, a women's writing workshop, theater camp, adult yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba, adult softball, water carnival, and much more. This year we have expanded our aquatic program to include lessons for children as young as one right up to lessons for adults, water aerobics, and adapted lessons. The deadline to register for Teen Adventure, RECKing Crew, and Happy Campers is Wednesday, June 13, 2012. We will continue to take registrations after that date only if space allows, however, we can cut off registrations at any time after June 13. We will not take any registrations after noon time on June 22. The registration deadlines for Session I of tennis & swimming lessons is also June 13. We have several trips planned for our adult population including the ever popular Cabbage Island Clambake on July 24.

Our Operation Active Recreation program will kick off with a cookout on June 13 at Playground Dr. This program is geared toward active adults 55+. The cook-out is free, and serves as our first meeting to plan activities the group wants to do during the summer and fall months, as part of this program. There is no charge for the cook out. One of our newer programs is the Adult Fitness Class. This class meets on Monday mornings at Playground Drive and consists of stretching & toning exercises, as well as aerobic activities. Again, this program is geared to active adults 55+.



Long Island Beach is projected to open, with lifeguards on duty on June 16th. This date is subject to change as it is based on weather and guard availability. Please check to be sure guards are on duty before assuming so. States Landing will remain a "swim at your own risk" facility, with NO Lifeguards on duty.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE



The Fourth of July Parade will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. The Theme for this years parade is "Welcome Our Troops Home". Line-up starts at 10:00 a.m. on Blake Road. The parade will kick off at 11:00 a.m. from Blake Road and go down Rt. 25 to Old Route 109 and will end at the Lion's Club with a cookout for all.